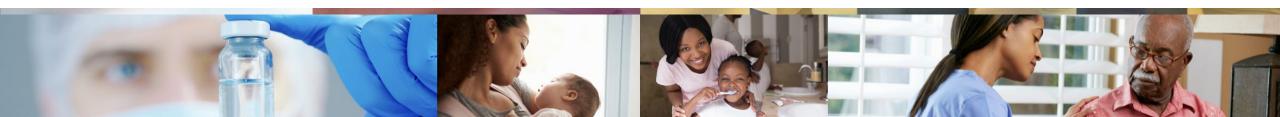




Center for Harm Reduction Services Harm Reduction Programs Overview

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Mission and Vision

MISSION

The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

VISION

The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.



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Vision and Strategic Goal

CHRS envisions a Maryland where:

- 1. Health care and social service systems meet the needs of people who use drugs in a comprehensive, community-based manner,
- 2. People who use drugs have equitable access to high-quality care, and
- Services provided to people who use drugs are free from stigma and discrimination.

Our strategic goal is to reduce substance-related morbidity and mortality by optimizing services for people who use drugs.



Major Programs

- Major Programs
 - Overdose Response Programs
 - Syringe Service Programs
 - ACCESS Harm Reduction Grants
 - Capacity Building, including Regrounding Our Response and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion



COVID19 Response

- 1. Support programs in adapting to continue services
- 2. Naloxone and fentanyl test strips to OTPs
- 3. Purchase and distribute extra supplies, incl. hygiene kits
- 4. OOCC Telehealth and mobile services grant
- 5. Virtual training

Maryland Overdose Data





Regrounding Our Response Overview

Learning Objectives Across an Educational Continuum



Regrounding Our Response presentations seek to answer the following questions:

- Why are communities impacted differently by the overdose crisis?
- What is the connection between trauma and substance use?
- How does behavior change, and how can we support people in their progress?
- What are the most effective evidence-based tools to prevent overdose death?
- Why do we need to build comprehensive systems of care for people who use drugs?

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Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

- LEAD creates a new, collaborative pathway for people with complex challenges whose needs cannot be met by standard clinical or office-based care
- LEAD diverts people whose problems are driven by unmanaged behavioral conditions out of the justice system into long-term, non-coercive case management
- Law enforcement officers are primary portal for diversion, in partnership with case management, service providers, prosecutors, community leaders and health agencies



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